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BERLIN FOR AMBASSADOR STOESEL

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN RESIDENTS IN UGANDA -- CONTINGENCY
PLANNING

REF: A. STATE 304599 (DTG 3560619)

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1. ON DECEMBER 23 WE CALLED ON FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR
FOR EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA (KREMER) TO CONVEY TALKING
POINTS (REFTEL A) AND SOLICIT FRG VIEWS ON HOW BEST
TO PROCEED WITH CONTINGENCY PLANNING. AT THE ONSET
OF THE MEETING WE WERE HANDED A COPY OF AMBASSADOR
FROEWIS' RESPONSE (DATED 12/22) TO THE DEPARTMENT'S
QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL C. (FROEWIS' REPORT IS
BEING SENT SEPTTEL.)

2. WE THANKED THE FRG FOR ITS CONTINUING COOPERATION
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IN DEALING WITH UGANDAN MATTERS AND WELCOMED THE RE-
PORT FROM AMBASSADOR FROEWIS. WE NOTED, HOWEVER,
THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES FROEWIS FEARED WOULD CAUSE THE
SITUATION FOR AMERICANS IN UGANDA TO DETERIORATE MIGHT
BE REALIZED. THE U.S. WAS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT
THIS POSSIBILITY AND, FOR THAT REASON, LOOKED FORWARD
TO FRG COOPERATION IN DEVELOPING CONTINGENCY PLANS

FOR AMERICAN RESIDENTS IN UGANDA. WE PASSED KREMER A COPY OF THE TALKING POINTS (REFTEL A) AS A NON-PAPER.

3. KREMER READ THE NON-PAPER AND RESPONDED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

-- THE FRG SHARED THE VIEW THAT CONTINGENCY PLANNING WAS A WISE PRECAUTION.

-- THE FRG WOULD WELCOME MORE FORMAL CONSULTATIONS; LEVEL, TIMING AND LOCATION WERE ENTIRELY UP TO US. SHOULD A US DELEGATION WISH TO COME TO BONN, THE WORKING LEVEL OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE (OFFICE DIRECTOR AND BELOW) WAS PREPARED TO MEET ANY TIME IN JANUARY EXCEPT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 21-25. A HIGH-LEVEL US TEAM WOULD NECESSITATE CLOSER COORDINATION ON TIMING. FRG ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICA MUELLER WOULD NOT BE BACK IN TOWNE UNTIL JANUARY 10 AND HIS AVAILABILITY AFTER THAT MAY BE CONTINGENT ON NAMIBIA TALKS IN NEW YORK. (COMMENT: MUELLER WOULD PROBABLY BE THE BEST PRIMARY INTERLOCUTOR FOR A VISITING TEAM ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL.)

-- THE FRG WOULD APPRECIATE ADVANCE INFORMATION ON THE PROSPECTIVE SCOPE OF THE TALKS. IF OPTIONS ARE TO BE DISCUSSED WHICH WOULD HAVE A DELETERIOUS IMPACT ON FRG/UGANDAN RELATIONS (SUCH AS A MILITARY EVACUATION) ANY DECISIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE CLEARED THROUGH AT LEAST THE STATE SECRETARY LEVEL OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE. CONFIDENTIAL

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-- THE FOREIGN OFFICE WILL QUERY FORMER AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN (WHO IS NOW IN BONN) AND ITS EMBASSY IN KAMPALA ON HOW AMERICANS IN ISOLATED REGIONS COMMUNICATE AMONG THEMSELVES AND HOW THEY MIGHT BE CONTACTED IN AN EMERGENCY. THE EMBASSY IN KAMPALA WILL BE ASKED TO REVIEW ITS FILES ON THE SIZE AND LOCATION OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

4. NEITHER THE FOREIGN OFFICE NOR AMEMBASSY BONN HAS ANY INFORMATION ON THE RESULTS OF THE JANUARY 1977 DISCUSSIONS ON CONTINGENCY PLANNING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN AND AMEMBASSY NAIROBI. (WE HAVE ONLY SEEN THE UPDATED LISTING OF US CITIZENS RESIDENT IN UGANDA.) ANY BACKGROUND THE DEPARTMENT OR NAIROBI COULD PROVIDE ON THESE TALKS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. STOESEL

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